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Further actions and initiatives for overcoming obstacles to the implementation of the Habitat Agenda

Declaration on cities and other human settlements in the new millennium

Draft report of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole

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1. At the 1st plenary meeting of its twenty-fifth special session, on 6 June 2001, the General Assembly established an Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the twenty-fifth special session and elected Mr. Germán García-Durán (Colombia) Chairman by acclamation.

2. The Ad Hoc Committee held ... meetings, on 6, 7 and ... June 2001, to hear representatives of Governments and organizations of the United Nations system, including funds, specialized agencies and regional commissions, as well as local authorities, non-governmental organizations and other Habitat Agenda partners, and to consider the questions of review and appraisal of progress made in the implementation of the Habitat Agenda (agenda item 8), further actions and initiatives for overcoming obstacles to the implementation of the Habitat Agenda (agenda item 9) and the declaration on cities and other human settlements in the new millennium (agenda item 10).

3. At its 1st meeting, on 6 June, the Ad Hoc Committee elected, by acclamation, Mr. Seydou Sy Sall (Senegal), Mr. Manfred Konukiewitz (Germany) and Mr. Andrzej Olszówka (Poland) as Vice-Chairmen and Mr. Alireza Esamaeilzadeh (Islamic Republic of Iran) as Rapporteur.

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4. In connection with its consideration of agenda items 8, 9 and 10, the Ad Hoc Committee had before it the report of the Commission on Human Settlements acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II).[1]

5. At the 1st meeting, the representative of Chile made a statement on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

6. At the same meeting, a Habitat Goodwill Ambassador and a representative of the United Nations Advisory Committee on Local Authorities made statements.

7. Statements were also made by the Deputy Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the Deputy Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia.

8. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the Economic Commission for Europe, the Economic Commission for Africa, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on adequate housing.

9. Also at the 1st meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the World Health Organization, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the International Labour Organization and the World Bank.

10. The observer of the Forum of Researchers on Human Settlements also made a statement.

11. At the 2nd meeting, on 7 June, statements were made by the Under Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and the representatives of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Children Fund, the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations and the United Nations Development Programme.

12. A member of the United Nations Task Force on the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction also made a statement.

13. At the same meeting, statements were made by the following non-governmental organizations: International Council of Women, Forum of Researchers on Human Settlements, David M. Kennedy Centre for International Studies, Grass Roots Organizations Operating Together in Sisterhood, Global Compliance Research Project, Centre for Research and Environmental Management Systems, International Federation of Settlements and Neighbourhood Services, International Alliance of Women, International Cooperative Alliance, Caucus for the Advancement of the Billings Ovulation Method, Arc — Peace, Commonwealth Human Ecology Council, Canadian Housing Renewal Association and Commonwealth Consultative Group on Human Settlements.

14. At the 3rd meeting, on ... June, the Ad Hoc Committee considered the draft declaration on cities and other human settlements in the new millennium.

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fifth special session, Supplement No. 2* (A/S-25/2).